IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sylvie LAMBARDIN et al.

Serial No.: New Appln Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: December 17, 2003 Examiner: Unassigned

For: EARTH LEAKAGE PROTECTION DEVICE AND ELECTRICAL

SWITCHGEAR UNIT COMPRISING SUCH A DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a French Search Report bearing a mailing date of October 15, 2003, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

A further concise explanation of the relevance of EP '280, as

authorized by applicants' French representative, is also attached hereto.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.

December 17, 2003

Date

Charles A. Wendel

Registration No. 24,453

CAW/klb

Attorney Docket No.: MGRN:416

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P. 1421 Prince Street, Suite 210 Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2805

Telephone: (703) 739-0220

Sheet <u>1</u> of <u>1</u>								
FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)			ATTY DOCKET NO. SERIAL New App					
			APPLICANT Sylvie LAMBARDIN et al.					
			FILING DATE December 17, 2003			GROUP Unassigned		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS		SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
							<u> </u>	
	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLA	\ss	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION NO YES	
	0 039 280 A1	11-04-1981	EUROPE	_			х	
	,							
·								
		OTHE	R DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title,	Date, Pertinent Pag	es, Etc.)			
		· · ·						
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
FXAMINER				DATEC	ONSIDER			

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.